AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-4. (Canceled)

5. (Previously Presented) A conveyer-belt sushi control system controlling sushi distributed by a conveyer belt comprising:

a detection means for detecting an identifier distributed together with sushi; and

a counting means for commencing counting of an amount of sushi distributed by said conveyer belt in response to a detection output of said detection means; wherein

said counting means calculates an amount of sushi prepared and an amount of sushi consumed by counting an amount of sushi going out of a kitchen and an amount of sushi coming back to the kitchen;

said identifier is attached to a menu stand indicating a kind of sushi to a person; and

said menu stand is carried by said conveyer belt together with sushi.

6. (Previously Presented) A conveyer-belt sushi control system controlling sushi distributed by a conveyer belt comprising:

a detection means for detecting an identifier distributed together with sushi; and

a counting means for commencing counting of an amount of sushi distributed by said conveyer belt in response to a detection output of said detection means; wherein

said counting means includes

a first counting means counting an amount of sushi per identifier, and

a second counting means counting an amount of sushi per kind of sushi, based on a counted result of said first counting means; wherein

said identifier is attached to a menu stand indicating a kind of sushi to a person; and

said menu stand is carried by said conveyer belt together with sushi.

7.   (Previously Presented) A conveyer-belt sushi control system, controlling sushi distributed by a conveyer belt,

said sushi being arranged on a plate,

said plate being provided with information for identifying said plate,

said system comprising:

a detection means for detecting an identifier distributed together with sushi;

a determination means for determining a kind of sushi arranged on said plate, based on the identifier detected by said detection means; and

a storage means for storing a determination result of said determination means, to be associated with said information for identifying said plate; wherein

said identifier is attached to a menu stand indicating a kind of sushi to a person; and

said menu stand is carried by said conveyer belt together with sushi.

8.   (Original) The conveyer-belt sushi control system according to claim 7, wherein said identifier includes information indicating a kind of sushi distributed subsequent to said identifier.

9.   (Original) The conveyer-belt sushi control system according to claim 7, comprising a storage means for storing a time period elapsed after preparation of a product, to be associated with said information for identifying said plate.

10.   (Original) The conveyer-belt sushi control system according to claim 9, further comprising a disposal means for disposing of a product when a predetermined time has elapsed after preparation of said product.

11.   (Original) The conveyer-belt sushi control system according to claim 10, wherein said predetermined time is changed depending on a kind of a product.

12.   (Previously Presented) A conveyer-belt sushi control system, controlling sushi distributed by a conveyer belt,

said sushi being arranged on a plate,

said plate being provided with information for identifying said plate,

said system comprising:

a detection means for detecting an identifier distributed together with sushi;

a determination means for determining a kind of sushi arranged on said plate, based on the identifier detected by said detection means; and

a storage means for storing a determination result of said determination means, to be associated with said information for identifying said plate, including a storage means for storing a win flag to be associated with said information for identifying said plate.

13.   (Original) A conveyer-belt sushi control system controlling sushi distributed by a conveyer belt,

said sushi being mounted on a plate,

said plate being provided with information for identifying said plate,

said system comprising:

a storage means for storing a win flag to be associated with said information for identifying said plate.

14.   (Original) The conveyer-belt sushi control system according to claim 13, said information for identifying said plate is read and a win flag corresponding to said plate is examined, to determine whether or not there is a winner.

15.   (Previously Presented) The conveyer-belt sushi control system according to claim 6, further comprising a third counting means for counting an amount of sushi prepared, an amount of sushi consumed and an amount of products disposed.

16.   (Previously Presented) The conveyer-belt sushi control system according to claim 10, further comprising a third counting means for counting an amount of products disposed.

17-18. (Canceled)